

## **Mutton Hunk Natural Area Preserve Managed Deer Hunt Rules and Regulations**

1. All hunters must sign in at the Check-in Station located on the west side of the red shed adjacent to the preserve parking area at the end of Baker Road. Hunters must sign in after arriving and sign out when leaving for the day.
2. Hunting is only permitted on DCR owned property south of Baker Road and south of the east/west trail extending beyond the preserve parking area. Hunter vehicles must be parked at the preserve parking area. No motorized vehicles are permitted past the preserve entrance gate or on any interior preserve access trails.
3. Hunters are permitted to visit or scout the preserve from sunrise to sunset any day, except other managed hunt dates.
4. Temporary hunting aids, such as field blinds and stands are permitted provided they do not damage any vegetation. Cutting and trimming any vegetation or the use of dogs is prohibited.
5. Hunters must have all necessary state licenses and abide by all state and DCR regulations. Each hunter must have on his/her person proof of successfully completing a Hunter Education Course (certificate or copy of certificate). Hunters hunting alone must be 16 years of age by the date of the hunt. Youth hunters aged 12-15 must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Both the youth and the adult must possess a DCR hunting permit and proof of completing a Hunter Education Course.
6. All hunters in the party must possess a valid DCR hunting permit. Each permit will bear the name of the Chief-of-Party, who will be responsible for writing the name and Virginia Hunting License number of each party member on their hunting permit. No more than five individual hunting permits will be issued for the two-day hunt.
7. Allowable weapons are: 1) muzzleloader rifles, or 2) shotguns with rifled slugs or buckshot. Modern centerfire rifles are prohibited.
8. All deer targeted must be within the Natural Area Preserve boundaries which are marked by conspicuous white signs and yellow boundary paint. Hunters are asked to voluntarily provide sex, weight (undressed), number of points (bucks) and general health and condition data for harvested deer on the data sheets at the Check-in Station.
9. If a hunter wishes to track or search for a wounded deer on adjacent property, permission from the landowner must first be obtained. Under no circumstances should hunters trespass and/or carry firearms onto lands bordering the preserve without first talking to the landowner and being granted access permission.